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### Background

According to the Work Plan 2017-2019 of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP Working Group, evaluation of application of Baltic Sea Broad-scale MSP principles, Guidelines for transboundary consultation, public participation and cooperation and implementation of the Regional Baltic Sea MSP Roadmap (2013-2020) has to be carried out.

VASAB Secretariat is responsible of activity 1.1.4 Follow-up of Common Regional Framework in the Pan Baltic Scope project. As part of the implementation of the Pan Baltic Scope, VASAB Secretariat has commissioned Baltic Environmental Forum (BEF) to prepare the assessment. The Chair of the BEF's board Ms. Kristina Veidemane will inform of the planned activities and methodology to carry out the Assessment.

The document contains information on the assessment's timeframe and major deliverables.

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and discuss the proposed methodology of the assessment.

**Progress of Pan Baltic Scope Activity 1.1.4. Follow-up on Joint Regional Framework**

Assessment of application of the Baltic Sea Broad-Scale Maritime Spatial Planning Principles and the Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation, and achievements of regional targets for maritime spatial planning of the Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020

**Background:**

VASAB Secretariat is responsible for Activity 1.1.4. Follow-up on Joint Regional Framework and as part of it Assessment of Baltic Sea Broad-Scale Maritime Spatial Planning Principles, Guidelines on transboundary consultations, public participation and co-operation and Regional Baltic Maritime Spatial Planning Roadmap 2013-2020 will be elaborated. This task will directly support Joint HELCOM-VASAB Maritime Spatial Planning Working Group (MSP WG) in fulfilling their Work Plan 2017-2019.

VASAB Secretariat has commissioned Baltic Environmental Forum to carry out the assessment and chairperson of the board Ms. Kristina Veidemane will inform the Meeting about the planned activities, methodology and expected input to carry out the Assessment.

## Time frame

No	Time frame	Deliverable
1.	One month after entering the Contract	A detailed work plan, adjusted methodology according to the feedback provided on the Technical Tender structure of the report, suggestions for the structure and contents of survey/interviews,
2.1.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (November 14-15, 2018 in Latvia)	Discussion on methodology and expectations of the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG on the assessment
2.2.	One month after the HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Meeting (December 2018)	Desk research report, Structure for assessment. Structure for the workshop.
2.3.	Until January 31, 2019	Summary and analysis of interviews/survey, 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft version of the Assessment,
3.1.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (February 2018, most likely in Hamburg)	Interactive workshop on self-assessment of MSP implementation in the Baltic Sea countries with particular attention to the MSP Principles and Guidelines.
3.2.	Two months after HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Meeting (April 2019, but no later than May 31, 2019)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft version of the Assessment, including the maps. Presentation, including graphic summary.
3.3.	May-June, 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft version circulated within the Pan Baltic Scope Planning Forum and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG for feedback  Fine tuning process according to the Commissioning Party and HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG comments.
4.1.	One month before HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (Autumn 2019)	Final version of the Assessment delivered.
4.2.	HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG (Autumn 2019)	Workshop on future mandate and workplan of the working group as well as input to HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan
4.3.	One month after HELCOM-VASAB MSP WG Meeting (Autumn 2019, but no later than December 15, 2019)	Summary and conclusions from the Workshop. Fine tuning in the Final version if asked by Commissioning Party.